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As a measure preventive and restraining against boldfaced, the curfew bill proposed in Council, yesterday, might not be such a bad idea, either. It seems to be a trite antiquity and Puritan, but it is a good idea. It is a good idea to save the lawless young. America. No long as the City Fathers do not pass an ordinance prohibiting men from kissing their wives on Sunday, they are all right.

"SCHOOL-BOY" writes to the Times asking for the correct definition of the Spanish word, power, which he says he doesn't know. "School-boy," he says, "is a very good Spanish dictionary, will loan it to you." The boy, means "to walk for exercise or amusement; to loiter." "School-boy" is a "young masculine," etc.

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